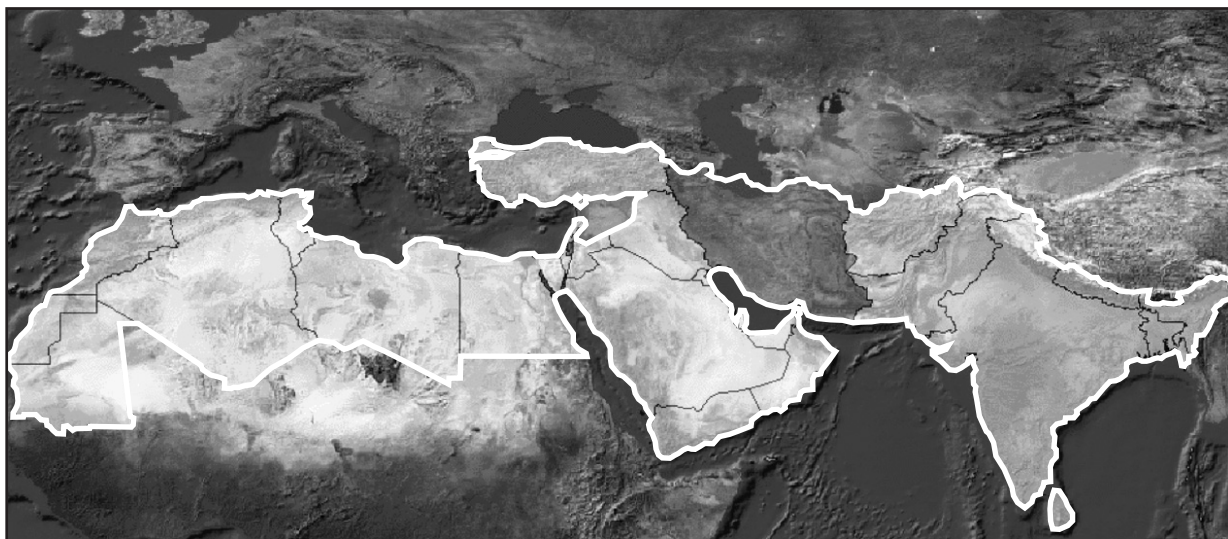




Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies



The mission of the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESA) Center is to enhance stability in the Near East and in South Asia by providing an academic environment where strategic issues can be addressed, understanding deepened, partnerships fostered, defense-related decision-making improved, and cooperation strengthened among military and civilian leaders from the region and the United States. As of April 2006, David W. Barno, Lieutenant General, USA (Retired), former Commander of the Combined Forces Command Afghanistan, became the NESA Center Director.

Launched in October 2000, the Center builds on the strong bilateral relationships between the United States and countries in the NESA region by focusing on a multilateral approach to addressing regional security concerns and issues. It is designed to meet the knowledge needs of national security professionals by providing a forum for rigorous examination of the challenges that shape the security environment of the region. The Center provides a focal point where national decision makers can gather to exchange ideas and explore tools for cooperative problem solving.

The core curriculum examines four broad themes: the impact of globalization on regional strategic issues; the changing strategic environment - including an assessment of the campaign against terrorism and the implications of initiatives such as missile defense and military transformation; elements of strategic planning; and concepts for enhancing regional security.

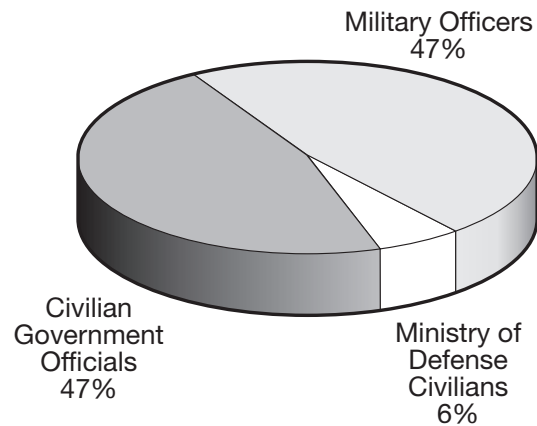
The Center's annual core activities include:

- Four three-week Executive Seminars (mid-to-upper level military and civilian professionals)
- One eight-day Senior Executive Seminar (upper-level military and civilian professionals)
- Two two-week Counter-Terrorism Seminars (mid- and upper-level military and civilian professionals)

- Several one- to three-day topical seminars for the Washington, D.C.-based NESAs region community

Additional activities for future implementation include mission-relevant research fellowships, alumni activities, and distance education programs.

Executive, senior executive, and counter-terrorism seminars are held in Washington, D.C. Thematic regional and sub-regional conferences are held in Washington, D.C. or in the region. Participation is open to military and official civilian representatives from all countries in the NESAs region with which the U.S. government maintains formal diplomatic relations, non-NESA countries that have strategic interests in the region, U.S. military, and federal government officials. Participants are nominated by their governments. The twenty-four participating nations from the region include:



Afghanistan	India	Lebanon	Oman	Tunisia
Algeria,	Iraq	Maldives	Pakistan	Turkey
Bahrain	Israel	Mauritania	Qatar	The United Arab Emirates
Bangladesh	Jordan	Morocco	Saudi Arabia	Yemen
Egypt	Kuwait	Nepal	Sri Lanka	

Funded by the Department of Defense, the NESAs Center, comprised of nearly forty faculty and staff, is associated with the National Defense University in Washington, D.C. The purview of the NESAs Center extends from the Atlas Mountains in the west to the Himalayas in the east to Marrakech to Bangladesh.

The countries with which the United States has diplomatic relations will participate in the Center's programs, as well as countries with a strategic interest in the region.

Afghanistan	Egypt	Jordan	Mauritania	Pakistan	Tunisia
Algeria	India	Kuwait	Morocco	Qatar	Turkey
Bahrain	Iraq	Lebanon	Nepal	Saudi Arabia	The United Arab Emirates
Bangladesh	Israel	Maldives	Oman	Sri Lanka	Yemen

Participation in the Center's programs is not limited to these nations. We are actively soliciting the participation of neighboring countries with security interests relevant to the states of the region.